Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to the term we’ve had with students settling quickly into their classrooms for learning.

This term there is a lot happening at school in many different forms. Starting from next week our ANZAC commemoration morning will be on Wednesday 20th April commencing promptly at 10.15am. Mr John Hartley from the RSL will be speaking to the students completing the address. This will replace our normal school parade.

On Monday, 25th April students of the school are invited to walk in the Atherton ANZAC parade. We will be having some practice around marching in formation next week to support this event. A flyer will be sent home with the details of the parade.

On Wednesday I had a meeting with the contractors regarding the beginning of the new air-conditioning work. There will be some disruption to the school throughout the rest of the term which we have worked diligently to keep minimal where possible. The only building not affected by this upgrade will be Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 in the new demountable. District Cross-Country which is held at Butchers Creek each year is on Friday, 6 May – further details and information on the event for those students who have been selected will be available shortly.

Our Tolga Interhouse Athletics carnival will again be spread across 2 days being the Tuesday, 14th and Wednesday, 15th June. We move into the last week of school with report cards due out on Friday, 24th June, last day of term.

A new process for parents:- Teachers have moved to electronic roll marking and to support them with this process we require parents to advise the office of all absences. This can be done through email, phone calls or dropping into the office. Aligned with this practice is the follow up with this process we require parents to advise the office of all absences. This can be done through email, phone calls or dropping into the office. The office will be contacting parents and/or carers of students who have noted unexplained absences on a daily basis therefore it is essential that information regarding student absences is provided directly to the office and not to the classroom teacher. This is a necessary process to ensure our attendance register is up to date at all times.

Teaching and Learning is the core business of Tolga State School and we endeavour to continually improve our practices to ensure our students have every opportunity to succeed. This year our School Improvement Agenda is Numeracy, Well-Being and Reading comprehension. Miss Johnston and myself have begun again this term visiting classrooms to view students work and I know the teachers certainly appreciate this special assistance.

I recently found this saying - “TV, if kids are entertained by two letters, imagine the fun they’ll have with twenty-six. Open your child’s imagination. Open a book.” Author Unknown

I hope everybody has a great week.

Regards,
Kayleen

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Closes: Friday, 22 April, at 3:00pm
Cheques need to be made payable to the Tolga State School.

TUCKSHOP VACANCIES
We are looking for volunteers this term. For anyone interested in helping for a day, please contact Casey on 0429 148 357 or visit her at the Tuckshop.

P&C Meeting
Monday, 9 May, 2016
Meeting: 7.00pm
Venue: School Library
ALL WELCOME

The Lost Property Box Is Overflowing!
Please remember to name all belongings. This will help us return misplaced items to their owners. We have a lot of lunch boxes and items from swimming from last term that need to be returned. Please feel free to come and have a look through the box for missing belongings.

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CONGRATULATIONS
A big thank you to the many families that have paid the annual student levy. It is very much appreciated by the teachers and students as they purchase new materials and resources for use in their particular classrooms. Families who have overlooked the payment can still pay at the tuckshop. Reminder notices will be sent out shortly.

The winning families for the early bird prizes are Ashlee Browning, Amy and Kate Hunter, Nathan and Hayden So Choy, Jaydon Lanskey and Joey Valintine.

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